

General Information

Latin MILC – W1, MT 2012

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1 Content

The aim of MILC (Mods Intercollegiate Language Classes) is to refresh and consolidate your knowledge of Latin syntax and style. Every week, we will discuss one topic of relevance, which will prepare you for your Unseen Translation and Prose Composition papers in Mods.

You will be set translation exercises every week, which I'd ask you to submit no later than **Friday, 6pm, of the same week**; this you may do by email (as a rtf/word/pdf attachment) to *robin.meyer@ling-phil.ox.ac.uk* or by pigeon post to *Robin Meyer, Wolfson College, Linton Rd.* (Please double-space your work both if typed and if written in longhand.) Further, there will always be a passage of Latin prose that you ought to read - we will try and cover it in class, but may not always find the time.

The assignments are designed in such a way that you should be able to do them in 60 to 90 minutes; you may need more time in the beginning, but will soon get used to the modus operandi. If you find it takes you much longer, please let me know - and even in the beginning don't put more than 3 hours work into it.

2 Tests

At the beginning of every lesson, there will be a very short test (5-7 mins) in accidence; please do be punctual, and ideally early, so that as little time as possible is wasted. A revision schedule for the accidence tests is included in your Fresher's Pack, and is also available on Weblearn.

At the beginning of Hillary and Trinity term, there will further be collections to test your retention of the material covered in these classes.

Please note that vocabulary will not be tested; it is, however, strongly advisable that you familiarise yourselves with the vocabulary list provided by the faculty.

3 Course Material

You will receive a short summary of the most important points in style and syntax pertaining to the week's topic. They will contain examples which we will go through and translate in class; a complete version can further be found at: <http://users.ox.ac.uk/univ2665>; a key to previous exercises can be found there as well.

Your assignments will require significant amounts of translations into Latin; please make sure you use appropriate vocabulary and style - look up words in the *Lews & Short* if you are unsure how to use them, and please do not use archaic or post-classical vocabulary or constructions. Your literary role models are Cicero (not his letters) and Caesar. You should be able to find all vocabulary in the list provided by the faculty, or in *Bradley & Arnold's "Latin Prose composition"*.

4 Important Notes

Please note that you are required to attend these classes and sit the accidence test. If for some reason you are unable to come to one of the classes, please email me and your college tutor in advance, and **under no circumstances later than 12noon of the same day**. It is inadvisable to forget this, to be late repeatedly or to take the accidence test lightly.

If you have any problems or questions, please do contact me.